

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016, 6:00 PM**

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; Commissioner Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Tony Sheppard; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop.

Chairman Starline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

No agenda amendments were offered during this time.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Joint Proclamation recognizing Saturday, March 19, 2016, beginning at 8:30 p.m., for one hour, as Earth Hour 2016

County Clerk Katie Bishop announced the Proclamation recognizing Saturday, March 19, 2016, beginning at 8:30 p.m., for one hour, as Earth Hour 2016. She stated that the Proclamation will be entered on the official minutes of this meeting.

WHEREAS, Earth Hour 2016 is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community; it is a call to stand up, to take responsibility, and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future; and

***WHEREAS,** our community is deeply concerned about the impact of climate change and the future health and wellbeing of our planet and believes energy efficiency and natural resource conservation are important elements to combat climate change; and*

***WHEREAS,** the first Earth Hour event was on March 9, 2007 where more than 2.2 million individuals and 2,000 business turned out their lights for one hour during the first Earth Hour event. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7,000 cities and towns worldwide. This year marks the 10th year of the annual event; and*

***WHEREAS,** hundreds of millions of people participated, joining iconic landmarks from around the world that went dark by turning out their nonessential lights in the largest climate change event of all time. People all over the world showed that they were committed to joining the unified global movement in fighting the climate crisis; and*

***WHEREAS,** Earth Hour is both an international and local symbolic event organized by the World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues, to encourage businesses, individuals and government to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions and their impact on the environment in their daily lives and operations; and*

***WHEREAS,** March 19, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. local time World Wildlife Fund is asking individuals, businesses, governments and organizations around the world to turn off all nonessential lighting for one hour, Earth Hour, to make a global statement of concern about climate change and to demonstrate their commitment to finding solutions.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that the City of St. Marys, City of Kingsland, City of Woodbine, Camden County Board of County Commissioners and the St. Marys EarthKeepers hereby declare by Joint Proclamation **March 19, 2016**, beginning at **8:30 p.m.**, for one hour, **Earth Hour 2016**.*

Public Comments

Janet Heath, Woodbine

Mrs. Heath stated that the Woodbine Women's Club has made significant contributions to the community. She explained that recently they submitted grant applications for funds to go toward the establishment of a Woodbine Library. She urged the Board to consider assisting in the establishment of a Library in Woodbine.

Steve Weinkle, Woodbine

Mr. Weinkle explained that he would like to offer his services as an appointed member of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:13 PM.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at 6:13 PM.

Public Hearing

- To receive comments from the public regarding amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration,

No comments regarding this item were offered from the public during this time.

- To receive comments from the public regarding amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 50 Solid Waste, Article I - Residential Curbside Collection, Section 8 Exemptions.

No comments regarding this item were offered from the public during this time.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:16 PM.

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:16 PM.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of approval of the draft 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by Resolution.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve the draft 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan and the Short Term Work Program for Camden County by Resolution

The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, Camden County adopted a Capital Improvements Element as an amendment to the Camden County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Camden County has prepared a 2016 Annual Update to the adopted Capital Improvements Element; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements Element 2016 Annual Update was prepared in accordance with the "Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements" and the "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and a duly advertised Public Hearing was held on March 8, 2016 at the 6:00 P.M. Camden County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 200 East Fourth Street, Courthouse Square Government Services Complex, Upstairs, Woodbine, GA

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Camden County does hereby submit the Draft Capital Improvements Element 2016 Annual Update, including the Draft 2016 Short Term Work Program, and the Development Impact Fee Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State review, in compliance with the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

2. Appointment to the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to appoint Craig Root to the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration, Article 2 Board of Commissioners, addition of Section 35, Purchasing Card and Credit Card Ordinance for Camden County Elected Officials.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to waive the First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration, Article 2 Board of Commissioners, addition of Section 35, Purchasing Card and Credit Card Ordinance for Camden County Elected Officials.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 50 Solid Waste, Article I - Residential Curbside Collection, Section 8 Exemptions.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to waive the First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 50 Solid Waste, Article I - Residential Curbside Collection, Section 8 Exemptions.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Amended Resolution establishing the correction of the Qualifying Fees for the 2016 Elections for Camden County, Georgia.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Amended Resolution establishing the correction of the Qualifying Fees for the 2016 Elections for Camden County, Georgia.

The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners is the Governing Authority of Camden County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners is required by O.C.G.A. §21-2-131 to set and publish qualifying fees for Camden County elected offices by February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners in compliance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-131 set and published qualifying fees for Camden County elected offices prior to February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, certain of said qualifying fees were incorrect due to a clerical error in calculation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners amends the prior Camden County Resolution approved December 8, 2015 with respect to the amounts of certain qualifying fees for 2016 and corrects the same as follows:

<u>ELECTED OFFICE:</u>	<u>YEARLY BASE SALARY/PAY:</u>	<u>3% OF SALARY/PAY QUALIFYING FEE:</u>
<i>Board of Commissioners District 1</i>	<i>\$12,144.00</i>	<i>\$364.32</i>
<i>Board of Commissioners District 3</i>	<i>\$12,144.00</i>	<i>\$364.32</i>
<i>Board of Commissioners District 5</i>	<i>\$12,144.00</i>	<i>\$364.32</i>
<i>Board of Education District 1</i>	<i>\$3,600.00</i>	<i>\$108.00</i>
<i>Board of Education District 3</i>	<i>\$3,600.00</i>	<i>\$108.00</i>
<i>Board of Education District 5</i>	<i>\$3,600.00</i>	<i>\$108.00</i>
<i>Clerk of the Superior Court* O.C.G.A section 15-6-88 (a) amended</i>	<i>\$63,164.60</i>	<i>\$1,894.94</i>
<i>Office of the Sheriff* O.C.G.A section 15-16-20 (a) amended</i>	<i>\$75,674.90</i>	<i>\$2,270.25</i>
<i>Probate Judge* O.C.G.A section 15-9-63 (a) (1) amended</i>	<i>\$63,164.60</i>	<i>\$1,894.94</i>
<i>Tax Commissioner* O.C.G.A section 48-5-183 (b) (1) amended</i>	<i>\$63,164.60</i>	<i>\$1,894.94</i>
<i>Chief Magistrate* O.C.G.A section 15-10-23 (a) (2) amended</i>	<i>\$63,164.60</i>	<i>\$1,894.94</i>
<i>County Coroner</i>	<i>\$9,275.00</i>	<i>\$278.25</i>
<i>County Surveyor**</i>	<i>FEE SYSTEM</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>

** These elected officials' qualifying fees are determined by the STATE BASED in respective Code Sections as amended for computation. Base salaries for fee purposes are based on the 2010 census; Camden County had an official census population of 50,513.*

***County Surveyor is based on a FEE SYSTEM for services rendered.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the publication of these amended and corrected fees is approved and/or ratified.

ADOPTED IN A LAWFUL ASSEMBLY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND SPREAD UPON THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

Reports

- Calendar – March & April 2016

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop announced there are no amendments to the calendar at this time.

- County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget process has begun and are being prepared for presentation to the Board at a later date.

Additional Public Comments

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the March 8, 2016 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM.